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WHEN ECONMIN SAW SECRETARY OF TRADE SIR MAX BROWN ON
MARCH 29, WE ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS OF BRITISH PLANS TO
RENEGOTIATE TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.
BROWN SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD SEEN THE THEN CURRENT
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VERSION OF CALLAGHAN'S SPEECH, HE WAS OBVIOUSLY UNABLE

TO PASS ON TO US ANY SPECIFICS. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT BECAUSE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO LONDON ON MARCH 28, FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN HAD BEEN OBLIGED TO LEAVE THE CABINET MEETING EARLY AND THUS HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO TAKE PART IN AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CABINET'S DISCUSSION OF THE SPEECH HE IS SCHEDULED TO DELIVER TODAY, APRIL 1, AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG. DURING THE WEEKEND, WE HAVE HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT CALLAGHAN'S ABSENCE ALLOWED SOME OF THE ANTI-EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, NOTABLY PETER SHORE, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE, AND ANTHONY WEDGWOOD BENN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, TO TOUGHEN UP THE TONE, IF NOT THE CONTENT OF THE SPEECH.

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